**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

HM&FW Department – COVID-19 –Revision of Rates for conducting COVID-19 Tests in Private NABL & ICMR approved Labs – Orders – Issued.

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**HEALTH, MEDICAL &FAMILY WELFARE (B2) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.28** **Dated:18.01.2022**

**Read the following:**

1. G.O.Rt.No. 296, HM&FW(B2) Dept., dt.12.06.2020.
2. G.O.Rt.No. 382, HM&FW(B2) Dept., dt.27.08.2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No. 699, HM&FW(B2) Dept., dt.12.11.2020.
4. G.O.Rt.No. 768, HM&FW(B2)Deptt., dated.15.12.2020.
5. Proposal from the CEO, Dr. YSRAHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs, COVID-19. (Computer.No.1293268)

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**O R D E R:**

In the G.O. 4th read above, Government have revised the rates of COVID-19 testing in the ICMR approved private NABL Labs (RT-PCR). The total cost was fixed at Rs.475/- for samples referred by the State Government and Rs.499/- for the individuals directly approaching ICMR approved NABL Labs for COVID-19 testing, which includes both the screening test and confirmatory test.

**2.** In the reference 5th read above, the CEO, Dr.YSRAHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs, COVID-19 has reported that in view of increased availability of kits in the market and of competition as more firms started manufacturing RNA extraction kits and RT-PCR kits, the cost of reagents/ kits is decreased. He has convened a meeting of Technical Committee on 04.01.2022 for revision of rates of the RTPCR test for samples tested at Private Labs and PPP mode labs and the said Committee has made recommendations for revising the rates of RTPCR tests. He has therefore requested the Government to issue revised orders in the matter.

**3.** Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby revise the rate for RT-PCR testing to be charged by the private laboratories as follows:

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| Individuals approaching ICMR approved NABL labs for COVID-19 testing. | **Rs. 350/-**<br>Including all charges (Test cost + VTM +PPE) |

**4.** Testing can be done only in the ICMR approved Laboratories and all other conditions laid down by the ICMR and the State Government shall apply.

**5.** All the Private NABL & ICMR approved Labs are directed to follow the above guidelines and all the Hospitals/Institutes/Labs are instructed to display the rate in visible manner.

**6.** Further, all the DMHOs are directed to monitor closely, enforce the price strictly and give wide publicity.

**P.T.O.**

**7.** The CEO., Dr.YSR AHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs, COVID-19 shall take further necessary action in the matter.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL,**
**PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
The CEO, Dr YSRAHCT & State Nodal Officer for Labs COVID – 19.

**Copy to:**

The Commissioner, Health & Family welfare, A.P., Mangalagiri.
All the DM&HOs in the State
All District Collectors in the State.
The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Medical Education, A.P., Vijayawada.
OSD to Dy. C.M.(H,FW&ME).
P.S. to Principal Secretary to HM&FW Department.
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